

Demo Houses Lambasted By GOP Chief

Republican State Chairman Peter M. Gunnar, Salem, told members of the Klamath County GOP Central Committee and other Republicans Saturday at the Winema Hotel that the "depth of the Democratic failure in the recently concluded legislative session is now being documented by bi-partisan observers from all corners of the state."

"Never before in the state's history have so many sources commented so unfavorably," Gunnar said.

"The tremendous volume of caustic comment from union and farm publications, as well as daily and weekly newspapers provides evidence that this is no longer just Republican opinion," Gunnar continued.

"Sources which normally and nominally support every move made by the Democrats are now leveling some of the heaviest criticism," he stated.

"To document this charge, I can point to editorials in the Medford Mail Tribune, the Oregon Grange Bulletin, the Pendleton East Oregonian, and the Oregon Teamster publication," he said.

Gunnar also stated that a Grange Bulletin statement that their "high esteem and hopes for the Legislature were misplaced," is typical of critical comments from farm publications.

"The Oregon Teamster magazine recently warned the legislators that they must forget their bickering over the minor bills and pay some attention to those major bills which are sitting and gathering mold," he said.

"This same publication warned that 'we labor people are beginning to wonder if some of these people belong in the legislative branch of our state government, but time will tell if these same persons in mind will return to office,'" Gunnar declared.

"I interpret that," he said, "as evidence of Democratic dereliction because the Teamsters' endorsed and supported Democrats in the last election."

Gunnar spent Saturday, in consultation with members of the County Republican Central Committee as well as precinct committee workers. Plans were discussed for reorganizing the county GOP effort.

The Panama Canal zone extends five miles north and south on each side of the canal.



MAPPING OUT THE GOP FUTURE for Klamath County were these interested Republicans who gathered at the Winema Hotel Saturday for a conference with the State Republican Central Committee chairman Peter M. Gunnar. Seated, left to right, Tom McClure, Alice Henry, Gunnar, and Mrs. Marshall Cornett. Standing, same order, Reuben Larson, Fred Rueck, Dave Card and Robert Kent. Gunnar outlined the plans being formulated by the state committee and suggested county organization plans.

Nixon Will Decide Future After July

WASHINGTON (AP) — Vice President Richard M. Nixon will decide after his July trip to Moscow on the scope of the active campaigning he will begin this fall for the 1960 Republican presidential nomination.

Nixon added a veteran campaigner to his staff Tuesday in Herbert B. Klein, editor of the San Diego, Calif., Union.

A knowledgeable operator in the field, Klein will serve as a special assistant in charge of press relations. He filled a similar job when Nixon campaigned for congressional candidates in 1958 and was an assistant in the 1956 campaign.

Klein is understood to have enlisted for the duration of the drive for the 1960 nomination and afterward — if all goes well from Nixon's standpoint.

Klein will accompany the vice president on the Moscow trip, which is being viewed by Nixon's associates with some cautious political optimism.

If he has an expected meeting with Nikita Khrushchev and something tangible comes from this conversation, there is speculation that the vice president might give the nation a television accounting on the prospects of some agreement with the Soviets to ease world tensions.

While they believe that what happens in Moscow may go a long way toward shaping Nixon's fall campaign course, the vice president's associates also are keeping a wary eye on the activities of Gov. Nelson A. Rockefeller of New York.

At this point they are convinced that Rockefeller's acceptance of an invitation to be honor guest at a June 11 picnic here of the Capital Hill Club indicates the New York governor may become more active as a potential rival for the 1960 nomination.

As matters stand, if the Moscow visit gives him some good reason to do so, Nixon is prepared to exploit any political advantages that might come his way. If Rockefeller shows signs of moving in, the Nixon activities will be speeded up to meet this threat.

Senator Urges Congress To Meet Threat By Hoffa

WASHINGTON (AP)—Sen. John L. McClellan (D-Ark.) urged Congress today to meet head-on James R. Hoffa's threat to call a nationwide strike if labor unions are subjected to antitrust laws.

McClellan, chairman of the Senate rackets probe, said he will introduce soon a bill he has talked about to apply the antitrust laws to transportation unions. He gave no further details.

Hoffa, president of the Teamsters Union, told a Brownsville, Tex., audience Tuesday that organized labor's answer to such legislation should be to have all its collective bargaining contracts expire on the same date, and then strike.

"We can call a primary strike all across the nation that will straighten out the employers once and for all," Hoffa said.

Hoffa has been working to organize a conference of various transportation unions, including his Teamsters, and longshoremen and rail unions. He spoke at a district convention of the International Longshoremen's Association but indicated he was suggesting a strike by all labor unions.

The suggestion was quickly rejected by AFL-CIO President George Meany, who served notice Hoffa could not count on support from the federation's 12 1/2 million members. The AFL-CIO has expelled the Teamsters on charges of corruption.

Sen. Pat McNamara (D-Mich.) a former Detroit union official, said a general strike "would be suicidal, just crazy," and added that "I think Hoffa has more sense than to do that." He noted that Hoffa had said a strike could be called, not that it would be.

But McClellan saw real danger in Hoffa's words, which he called a threat against Congress and the people. He said the Teamsters' chief should not be allowed to get away with it.

McClellan said Hoffa was talking about a strike that would "shut down industry, stop the wheels of commerce, strangle the economy and challenge the supremacy of our government."

Sen. Sam J. Ervin Jr. (D-N.C.) a member of McClellan's committee and co-sponsor of the hotly disputed Kennedy-Ervin bill, declared that Hoffa's speech finally has convinced him the McClellan bill is needed.

"It will be a tragic thing for the people if Congress knuckles down to Hoffa," Ervin said.

Sen. John F. Kennedy (D-Mass.), co-sponsor of the Kennedy-Ervin bill, reserved comment until after he studies a text of Hoffa's speech.

Sen. Barry Goldwater (R-Ariz.) said in a separate interview Hoffa's threat should bring swift action by the House to toughen up the Kennedy-Ervin bill, which he contends is "too soft."

Naming Key Held By Demo

WASHINGTON (AP) — Democratic Leader Lyndon B. Johnson of Texas appeared today to hold the key to Senate action on Lewis L. Strauss' nomination to be secretary of commerce.

Senate debate will not begin until next week.

Strauss' nomination, submitted by President Eisenhower last Jan. 17, squeaked through the Senate Commerce Committee Tuesday by the narrowest possible margin.

The 9-8 vote in favor of Senate confirmation was followed by suggestions from Sens. Clair Engle (D-Calif.) and Stephen M. Young (D-Ohio) that Eisenhower should withdraw Strauss' nomination.

White House Press Secretary James C. Hagerty called the suggestion ridiculous. Strauss himself said he was grateful for the majority committee vote in his favor.

While the vote fell slightly short of what Strauss' supporters had hoped for, Senate Republican Leader Everett M. Dirksen of Illinois told newsmen he still thinks the nomination will be confirmed.

Dirksen said, however, he will have to do some "missionary work" among Democratic senators. He indicated that he hoped to find additional votes among Southern Democrats.

Tub, Shower Law Vetoed By Judge

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (AP)—Judge Macauley L. Smith took "judicial notice" Monday that "many people who have tubs or showers with hot and cold running water... are offensively unclear."

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